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[by email]

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Dear Sadiq,

We support the expansion of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) and we welcomed your announcement of the biggest ever scrappage scheme of £110m in January of this year.

High levels of air pollution exacerbate existing health inequalities, with Black and low-paid Londoners more likely to live in areas with the worst levels of pollution. Our residents often travel across outer London for work, to visit friends and family and for many other reasons. It is shocking that in Ealing, 160 people die prematurely every year as a result of breathing dirty air.

The Government should be stepping up and providing London with scrappage support as it has done elsewhere: for example, Birmingham has received £38m, Bristol has received £42m, and Bradford has received £30m. We will continue to join you in calls to the Tory Government to provide a similar scrappage scheme for the capital.

In recent weeks we have heard from constituents who welcome the largest-ever scrappage scheme but do not currently meet the criteria. These include parents who need support to make the switch for their family car, small businesses and organisations which have booked a retrofit, but which may be completed just after the ULEZ expansion date of 29 August 2023, and small businesses are doing the right thing by providing local employment but do not currently meet the scrappage criteria.

So, we ask you to consider a review of the current criteria for the scrappage scheme, to look at ways of widening the eligibility to include the following areas:

- Enabling more small businesses to fit the eligibility criteria.
- Reviewing the grace period for drivers who have booked a retrofit for their van.
- Widening the eligibility criteria to provide further support for parents and carers, many of whom work in jobs that keep our capital city going.

Your leadership on cleaning up our air has been exemplary, and most welcome. We write in the spirit of knowing that you are committed to doing all you can to support Londoners making the transition to lower polluting vehicles. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Peter Mason  
Leader of the Council

Cllr Deirdre Costigan  
Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet  
Member for Climate Action